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11. (C) ESTHOFF passed reftel points October 9 to MFA Disarmament Affairs Deputy Director General Ignacio Sanchez, urging Spain to instruct its delegation to the November Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) Review Conference to support the "opt-in" approach vis-a-vis the possible anti-vehicle mines (AVM) protocol. Sanchez told ESTHOFF October 20 that discussions continued within the EU to craft

a consensus position on the AVM protocol and that Spain hoped to join this consensus. Sanchez said that the U.S. proposed "opt-in, opt-out" approach would weaken the protocol by letting opt-out nations such as Russia and China gain the benefits of protocol adhesion without imposing serious obligations. As a result, in the context of the EU discussions, Spain was pushing for some sort of mechanism that would impose serious obligations on opt-out states.

12. (C) Sanchez said that the Russian Embassy had demarched him earlier in the week and that he had told the Russians that the obligations imposed on opt-out states needed to be beefed up. Sanchez also noted that while Spain agreed on the need to curb the number of meetings of CCW States parties, it was unrealistic to think all necessary work on the protocol could be completed via only one post-Revcon meeting in November 2007. Spain believed two meetings would be needed.
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